

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD BOARD MEETING
August 12, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Town of Hounsfield Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66 at 7 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Board members present were: Supervisor Scee, Councilman Stephen Lee, Councilman Richard Young, and Councilman Carson Lennox. Councilman Todd Farrington was absent.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lennox to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 8, 2015. All present voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Lennox to approve the minutes of the special meeting held July 15, 2015. All present voted aye and the motion was carried.

Correspondence received: Supervisor Scee received a report from the State Taxation and Finance noting that the Town equalization rate is still at 100%. A report was received from the Public Service Commission to notify that there will be a new area code for phones in this area. Supervisor Scee received a call from Senator Patti Richie's office requesting that he respond to Jane Bardon's letter about trimming of trees and limbs at the intersection of Military Road and Hess Road this summer. Supervisor Scee wrote that the trimming was necessary for the safety and well being of motorists and welfare of motorists and wildlife in the area. C'man Young reported that he received an email from Mike Campbell thanking the Town for the support of the Made in New York Festival.

The Supervisor's report for July 2015 was read by the Clerk to the Supervisor: Total receipts \$287,473.38, Total disbursements \$114,959.14, Total cash in bank \$273,344.88, Total investments \$800,000.00. A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to approve the Supervisor's Report for July 2015. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2nd by C'man Lee to pay bills in abstract #8, vouchers #416-487 as presented: General Fund A \$23,524.70, General Fund B \$1,329.51, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$3,100.00, Highway Fund A \$13,735.68, Highway Fund B \$23,243.84, Water Dist. 2 \$3,770.07, Water Dist. 5 \$2,840.12, Water Dist. 1 \$17,426.67, Water Dist. 4 \$120.89, Water Dist. 3 \$4,268.68, Abstract total \$93,360.16. Included in this abstract is the final payment to Rob's Lawn Mowing Service and the check will be held until the clerk to the Supervisor has received information needed. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Lennox for resolution #15-10 to approve budget transfers. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young for resolution #15-11, recognizing Town employees who belong to the NYS Retirement System. In a roll call vote, C'men Lee,

Young, Lennox and Supervisor Scee voted yes. C'man Farrington was absent. Motion carried.

Supervisor Scee introduced representatives from Guilfoyle Ambulance Service, Bruce Wright and Dave Sherman who gave a presentation on how Guilfoyle could serve our community and assist the local fire department ambulance service until their ambulance service recovers ability to respond to calls regularly again. In order for this to happen the request has to come from the Sackets Harbor Fire Department and Supervisor Scee reported that in talks with the fire department it seems that they are not receptive to the idea. Another plan would be for the Town of Hounsfield to contract with Guilfoyle. The Board assured Mr. Wright and Mr. Sherman that this will be discussed with the Village of Sackets Harbor and the fire department.

C'man Lee had no report.

C'man Young had nothing to report.

C'man Lennox reported that he attended the special Town Board meeting, the proposed water district 6 informational meeting and the Water Committee meeting. He also reported that he attended the Joint Recreation Commission meeting and it came up that an extra \$3,000 is needed to build the bocce ball courts and they are asking the Town Board to approve this transfer in the commission's budget.

After a discussion on the request for a budget transfer of \$3,000 in the Recreation Commission budget to build bocce ball courts, a motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to table this request until more information is available to the Board. All voted aye. Carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2nd by C'man Lee to appoint Courtney Brunet to the Joint Recreation Commission as a Town at large member to fill a vacancy. All present voted aye and the motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for July.

A report was given by the Zoning Officer and the Chair of the ZBA suggested that the Board appoint an alternate to that Board.

After receiving two quotes for spray insulation on the inside of Water District 2 tower on Tower Road, a motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to hire C&F Construction of Rodman, NY to install 3 inch spray insulation at the tower on Tower Road for a cost of \$2200. All present voted aye and the motion was carried.

A discussion was held on the subject of finding a backup water operator. It was decided that C'man Farrington and C'man Lennox will meet with the Highway Superintendent and the Water

Operator to discuss the options.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young that the Town fix the issue with a driveway at Kevin Parkinson's driveway that is over the Dist. 2 water line on NYS Rt. 180, with a limit of \$1,000, and done one time only. All present voted aye. Carried.

Supervisor Scee reminded the Board that union negotiations will take place this year and C'man Young has agreed to negotiate for the Town again for no fee. Supervisor Scee asked C'man Farrington to accompany C'man Young to observe. These negotiations will be set up soon.

A 2016 budget session was set for September 2, 2015 at 7PM.

A motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2nd by C'man Young to hold a public hearing on September 9, 2015 at 7 PM to hear comments on proposed Local Law #1 of 2015, to override the New York State Tax Cap of .73% for the 2016 Town Budget. All present voted aye. Carried.

The floor was opened for public comment and Christine Eggleston suggested that all boards in the Town have conflict of interest and comprehensive plan training sessions. She also reported that the Sackets Harbor Historical Society will have a table display at a program on October 3rd and the Town of Hounsfield will have genealogy search forms and other information there.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lennox to authorize one hour training for boards on conflict of interest and two hours training on the Comprehensive Plan. All present voted aye and the motion was carried.

Sharry Rogers was present and commented that she was glad to see the Guilfoyle reps here to talk about the services that they could provide to the Town of Hounsfield and she hopes that the Town Board will proceed to provide better ambulance services for the residents of the Town of Hounsfield. She also commented on the disrepair of the brownstone building at Lakeside Cemetery. She suggested that the Town hire or bid out a contractor to complete repairs needed before winter because the Cemetery fund has enough to pay for it.

Joe Banville of Eveleigh Road was present to comment on proposed water district 6. After the informational meeting for proposed water district 6 he discovered that the planned location for the service lateral to his home is not good and after a discussion the Board agreed to make an adjustment on the district plans to have a service lateral come off the main line on Co. Rt. 62 and up the Eveleigh Road to Mr. Banville's house.

Supervisor Scee announced that a get well card shower is being held for former Sackets Harbor Mayor and Town of Hounsfield Supervisor, Jean Derouin who has been ill. Contact the Town Clerk or go to the Town website for the address. Since Jean has been a big part of this Town's

development, it is hoped that he will receive a lot of support during this time.

At 8:55 pm a motion was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Lennox to go into executive session for legal matters. All present voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Board returned to the regular meeting at 9:34 pm.

The Town Clerk reported to the Board that she has received many derogatory comments from the public on the cleanliness of the restroom next to the meeting room, used by the public and office employees. After a discussion of the Board, they decided to meet with the Highway Superintendent about this issue.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:38 pm.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk